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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1417

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, CASC, BE, US

SUBJ: CIVAIR - SEIZURE OF AIR CALEDONIAN PLANE

REF: STATE 119672

1. WE CONTACTED MR. SHINE OF L. R. BURKE AND CO., LONDON WHO CONFIRMS HE HAS BEEN RETAINED TO TRY TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF DC-8 (N-6573C) NOW BEING HELD AT OSTENDE. SHINE SAID HE IS ACTING FOR UK REP OF US OWNER OF AIR-CRAFT BUT HE DID NOT SPECIFY NAMES.

2. WE HAVE BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME OF COMPLAINT BY MAURITIUS SOCIETY OF UK AGAINST AIR CALEDONIA. IN DECEMBER 1974, M. BHEEKHUN OF MAURITIUS SOCIETY CONTACTED EMBASSY AND STATED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD PAID AC CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY (IF OUR RECOLLECTION IS CORRECT, SOMETHING ON ORDER OF 10,000 POUNDS) AS DOWN-PAYMENT FOR FLIGHT TO CARRY SOCIETY'S MEMBERS FROM OSTEND TO MAURITIUS AND RETURN. ACCORDING TO BEEKHUN, MEMBERS JOURNEYED FROM UK TO OSTENDE AND WAITED COUPLE OF DAYS BUT AC AIRCRAFT DID NOT SHOW UP. EVENTUALLY, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR TRIP TO MAURITIUS. WE TOLD BEEKHUN AT THE TIME THAT WE COULD NOT ASSIST HIM IN ANY CLAIM AGAINST AC BUT HE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER RETAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTORNEY IN U.S. TO REPRESENT HIM. WE ALSO TOLD HIM THAT

IF AC, A TRAVEL CLUB LICENSED UNDER FAR PART 123, WAS  
OFFERING TO CARRY MAURITIUS SOCIETY MEMBERS FOR HIRE IT  
MAY BE EXCEEDING ITS U.S. AUTHORITY AND IF BEEKHUN WOULD  
SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH DOCUMENTATION WE WOULD  
TRANSMIT IT FOR INVESTIGATION BY U.S. AVIATION AUTH-  
ORITIES. SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, HE DID SUBMIT COMPLAINT  
IN WRITING TOGETHER WITH EXTENSIVE FILE OF PAPERS RE-  
LATING TO THE PROBLEM. WE TRANSMITTED ENTIRE CASE TO  
FAA AND TO CAB BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT AND WE SUBSEQUENTLY  
LEARNED THAT FAA HAD MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION. IF DEPT  
NOT FULLY AWARE OF BACKGROUND THIS CASE SUGGEST CONTACT  
MR. LEE JETT, FAA, AIA-130 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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